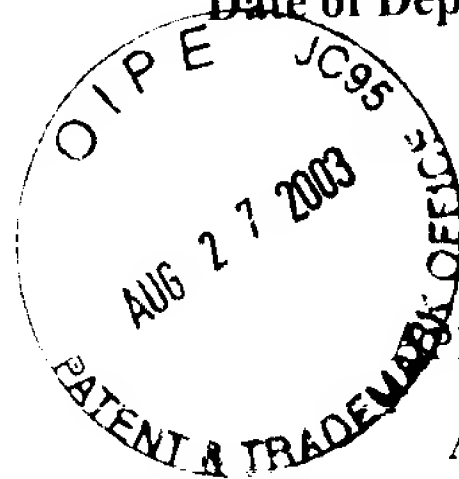


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119(e) of pending U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/047,213, filed May 20, 1997, entitled "Cell Processing System", incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications entitled: "Rotating Seals for Cell Processing Systems" ~~Attorney Docket Z0090/7004~~ U.S. Appln. No. 09/081,733 filed May 20, 1998; "Apparatus and Method for Expressing Fluid Materials" ~~Attorney Docket Z0090/7013~~ U.S. Appln. No. 09/082,200 filed May